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Small, R.S.  
[Charleston, S.C.]

April 17, 1924

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April 2, 1924.

Mr. R. S. Small,  
President, Bank of Charleston,  
Charleston, S. C.

Dear Mr. Small:

When I was first in your bank (March 22nd) I was shown by Mr. Eisenmann the seventy-nine year old eight dollar bill that you had recently redeemed. In the AMERICAN BANKER of March 31st, page 21, was published an account of it, which you may have seen.

In Washington I met Mr. Howland Wood and came back on the train to New York with him. He is the curator of the American Numismatic Society, which has the largest collection of coins and paper money in the world. He had been in Washington at the invitation of government officials, discussing the collection of coins recently removed from the Philadelphia mint to Washington. He also had been in Baltimore, the guest of Mr. Aldo Newcomber looking at his coin collection.

I told Mr. Wood about your bill and he suggested if you would spare any of this old redeemed money, possibly the seven dollar bill which you redeemed in 1904 and the eight dollar bill, or any other currency of odd amounts, that you might like to have it become a part of the collection of the Numismatic Society in New York, either by loan or gift, where it would have the best of care and protection in the Society's own fireproof building.

You may remember me, as the publisher of the AMERICAN BANKER and THE BOND BUYER, for whom you so kindly on March 24th cashed a \$39 check.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) CHARLES OTIS.

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April 15th, 1924

R. S. Small, Esq., Pres.  
Bank of Charleston  
Charleston, S.C.

Dear Sir:

We beg to thank you very much indeed for the Five Dollar and Ten Dollar bill which you have so kindly sent as an addition to our Museum's Cabinet, at the instigation of Mr. Otis. We are very glad to have these and appreciate your courtesy.

Very truly yours,

Curator

April, 1924

The American Numismatic Society has recently received from Mr. R. S. Small, President of the Bank of Charleston, S.C., two of the old bank notes issued by that bank in 1858. These old pieces of paper money are particularly interesting, and are printed in red and black on the one side only, as was the custom at that time. These notes were engraved by Draper, Toppin, Longacre & Co., of Philadelphia, and are on thin bond paper of considerable toughness.

The Ten Dollar note is numbered 28, and is made payable to H. W. Connor or bearer, and is dated 23 June, 1858, signed by the President and the Cashier. The Five-dollar note is numbered 35 and made payable to Ker Boyce or bearer, dated 12 March, 1858.

Both of these notes were redeemed and cancelled by the Bank of Charleston on April 7, 1924, sixty-six years after they were issued.